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TILT SENSOR, METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING TILT SENSOR, AND)
METHOD OF MEASURING TILT ANGLE)

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Sir:

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-027785 - English-language translation is attached to the document.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-054478 - English-language translation is attached to the document.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-311634 - English-language translation is attached to the document.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-160067 - English-language translation is attached to the document.
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-253656 - English-language translation is attached to the document.

Also, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

An English language abstract of each of the listed documents above is also enclosed.

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